

The Wuellners of Germany Move on to Fergus, ON & Visit The Biltons!



Myrna Bilton Writes: Stan; Our friends Lore & Sven left yesterday and here are some photos. We had our grandson Dominic who also liked our German friends. **We took them to our courts in Fergus and a tour of Fergus & Belwood.**

Yesterday we took them to Waterloo market and toured some German (Mennonite) farms and had lunch at St Jacobs. We had our grandchildren Joel & Delaney with us.

We are showing our grandchildren how important it is to make friends around the world with the game we love so much - called shuffleboard. The photo above with Rendall talking on the telephone is at St Jacobs with Dieter (Lore's husband still in Germany) on the other end!! This friendship seems to go on and on. This is what shuffleboard is all about.

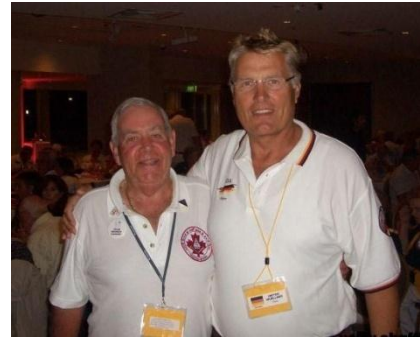
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Stan speaks: I will now add an addendum to this international story of friendship. Sochi shufflers will remember reading this but it is so indicative of everything "good" about shuffleboard that I do not apologize for repeating it. (See page 2 below)

It explains in part why Rendall is "On The Phone To Dieter Wuellner"! top right! No doubt Dieter is sailing!!

We will begin with the story of Respect, Understanding, and Friendship.

This story takes place in Coolangatta Australia where the Biltons participated in their first International Shuffleboard event. With reference to the pic on your right; Rendall is on the left; a German Shuffler, Dieter Wuellner is on the right. I now pick up the story as I recorded it while observing the match in October of 2008.



"The player carrying #2 on his back was Germany's Dieter Wuellner. Dieter was relatively new to shuffleboard. Notwithstanding his limited experience, he had acquired a knack for the game and from the beginning had demonstrated an ability to focus on what needed to be done as well as demonstrating the determination to get it done!!

His pleasant mannerisms on the court more than made up for his limited knowledge of English while competing. Early in the Tournament, Dieter came up against Canada's #10, Rendall Bilton, who up to this point had never lost a match. It was in Round 10 on Court 5 (Roof Top); Rendall and Dieter were at the Head; Ron Williams of Canada was playing Sebastian Runge at the Foot.

Court 5 was relatively free of the sometimes nasty oceanic winds and Rendall and Dieter were having a close game, not of luck but one of strategy and skill!! The lead changed hands frequently >> and the careful observer could see that this match could go either way; however; given that Canada's player had experience on his side, the betting was that Rendall would chalk up another win!! In fact the game went to the final disc of the 16th frame with both players making great shots. When it ended it was Dieter who had the higher number on the Board.

It was what followed that was the "MOMENT NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN" >> When the two shook hands, Dieter took hold of Rendall's arm and thrust it forcefully to his chest; Dieter's heart was pounding!! The Hand Shake had turned into a Heart Shake!!

Rendall told me later that the emotion of the moment is something that he would never forget!! It was apparent that Dieter felt similarly. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT SHUFFLEBOARD RELATIONSHIP!!"

Stan McCormack of THE SHUFFLER. 2008 10 11.

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